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[Despatch Abstract.]

Passport - Hongkong Grant of passport-facilities for transit through Further Instructions from the Government of India recorded

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G.O. Ms. No.3365 Dated the 10th September 1948.
Read the following:-

1. G.O. Ms. No.1858, Home dated the 9th May 1947.
2. From the Government of India, Ministry of External Affairs and Commonwealth Relations, No. F.13(10) -PVI/48, dated the 2nd September 1948.

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Sub: Passport facilities for Hongkong.

I am directed to state that the Government of Hongkong have complained that on many occasions during recent months persons have arrived in Hongkong with British Indian Passports and Emergency Certificates with the full intention of staying permanently in Hongkong, but their passports and Emergency Certificates have only been endorsed for transit through Hongkong to China or Manila. It would appear that the holders of the documents have obtained them by stating that they were only going through Hongkong in transit but have not produced any visa for their onward destination, i.e China or Manila. On arrival in Hongkong they have stated to the Immigration Authorities that they did not intend to go any further, and that in any case they did not think they could get a visa for China or Manila.

2. It would appear that these people follow this procedure rather than wait for the passport Issuing Authorities in India to apply to Hongkong for permission to endorse their passports for entry into that Colony, in accordance with the circular letter from the Government of India, in the late External Affairs Department No.F.26-P/47, dated the 24th April 1947.

3. It is, therefore, requested that before giving endorsements for transit through Hongkong to persons for whose entry into Hongkong prior authorisation of the Government of the Colony is necessary, Passport Issuing Authorities in India should satisfy themselves that the applicants do in fact intended to proceed to a destination beyond Hongkong. If considered necessary the applicants may be required to produce a visa for the final destination before grant of endorsements for Hongkong.

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(By Order of His Excellency the Governor)

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